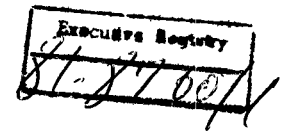


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VIA : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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1. In connection with the accompanying IG Memorandum on the LOS policy issue, you may wish to skim at least the Key Judgments of the attached draft NIE on this subject, which I am circulating to the NFIB representatives today.

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2. While the NIE focuses on possible outcomes of the negotiations, its findings are generally in accord with the IG policy study. One analytic difference between the two studies is the lower weight we give to the ability of a comprehensive treaty to restrain future extensions of coastal state claims. The IG memo reflects the view that a treaty would benefit our naval operations by halting the proliferation of excessive maritime claims. Our Estimate argues that such claims would indeed be inhibited for some time, but that "creeping jurisdiction" would resume over the longer run in the face of more intense and diverse uses of ocean space.

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3. We expect to have a coordinated Estimate in time for the NSC deliberations.

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